GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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CONSERVATION OF MANGROVE FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two days conference of Environment and Forests Ministers was held recently;

(b) if so, the details of matter discussed therein;

(c) whether the Government has identified areas for conservation of mangrove forests;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) the areas identified in Maharashtra for 100 per cent central assistance for mangrove forests; .

(f) whether the Government has prepared any plan for the rehabilitation of those people of downtrodden sections of society who have been affected by the implementation of the project;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the central assistance proposed to be given to each State for rehabilitation of such people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)Yes, sir. A Conference of the Forest Ministers, Forest Secretaries, Principal Chief Conservators of Forests and Chief Wildlife Wardens of various States and Union Territories was held on August 5-6, 2004 in New Delhi.

(b)The Conference discussed thrust areas on increase in forest cover, rights of tribals in respect of forest land and non-wood forest products, simplification of felling and transit rules for trees grown on private land, public private partnership for involvement of private sector for afforestation of degraded forests lands, management plans for wildlife protected areas, man-animal conflict, integrated forest protection scheme, forest development agertcies, joint forest management, capacity building of staff, training courses for forest officers and forestry statistics, establishment of state forest research institute, status of vacant posts of frontline staff, plantation on non-forest government land, development of data base in respect of forest products and non-timber forest produce, designation of new biosphere reserves, increase in area under mangroves, wetlands and protection of coral reefs.

(c), (d) & (e)Yes, sir. The Government has identified 35 mangrove areas on a country-wide basis for intensive conservation and management. The detailed State-wise list, including mangrove areas identified in Mahara~htra is atAnnexure,?

(f)The Scheme on Mangroves does not entail or envisage any displacement of the people by the implementation of the project.

(g) & (h)Does not arise.